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Letter dated 30 March 2000 from the Chargé d'affaires a.i. of the Permanent Mission of Yugoslavia to the United Nations addressed to the President of the Security Council

I have been instructed by my Government to lodge a protest over the violence committed by the members of the Kosovo Force (KFOR) and the United Nations Interim Administration Mission in Kosovo (UNMIK) against the residents of the village of Lepine in Kosovo and Metohija, the autonomous province of the Yugoslav constituent Republic of Serbia. Setting dogs on, and beating, unarmed Serbian civilians whom the international presences are supposed to protect and for whom they are supposed to ensure a normal life is very discrediting indeed. Bitten and beaten, the unarmed Serbs are telling evidence of the reprehensible attitude KFOR and UNMIK have taken towards the Serbian community in its own land that cannot be justified on any ground whatsoever. Moreover, such an attitude is highly detrimental to the re-establishment of confidence among the Serbs in the international community; therefore it is necessary to conduct a thorough investigation and punish those responsible.

I should be grateful if you would have the text of the present letter circulated as a document of the Security Council.

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